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## **Housing Authority of the City of Greenville Receives Award of Merit from NAHRO, Highlighting Their Partnership with Durham VA Health Care System**

Greenville, N.C. – The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) recently honored the Housing Authority of the City of Greenville with the 2019 Award of Merit in Affordable Housing for the Honor Ridge project.

Honor Ridge is a new apartment complex which was developed with the goal of supplying safe, decent and affordable rental housing and permanent housing for homeless veterans. Groundbreaking Developers, LLC built the 21-unit complex and dedicated 14 of those units to Veterans. This public/private partnership with the Durham VA Health Care System proved to be key in leveraging collective resources to accomplish our common goal of reducing homelessness among our veterans. HACG provided project-based HUD-VASH vouchers to the 14 Veterans and the Greenville VA Health Care Center provides on-going case management and clinical services to ensure the successful transition from homelessness back into society.

“Congratulations to our 2019 Awards of Merit recipients,” said NAHRO President Carl S. Richie, Jr. “I am so proud of the great work they're doing for their clients and their communities.”

The NAHRO Awards of Merit program was created 20 years ago to recognize agencies who found innovative ways of making a difference in their communities and in the lives of the people they serve by creating affordable housing, revitalizing their neighborhoods, and developing initiatives such as job readiness programs, public-private partnerships, disaster prevention projects, and more.

“The Awards of Merit catalog is more than a list of winners,” said NAHRO CEO Adrienne Todman. “It’s a yearly compendium of some of the best work being done by housing and community builders nationwide. Congratulations to this year’s honorees!”

*The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, established in 1933, is a membership organization of nearly 20,000 housing and community development agencies and professionals throughout the United States whose mission is to create affordable housing and safe, viable communities that enhance the quality of life for all Americans, especially those of low- and moderate-income. NAHRO's membership administers more than 3 million housing units for 7.6 million people.*

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Health Care Center, Wayman A Williams; HACG Executive Director/CEO, and Carl Ritchie, Jr., NAHRO President.

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